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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Administration

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Deputy Director for Intelligence Chairman, Executive Career Service

FROM:

Chairman, CIA Training Selection Board

SUBJECT: Nominations for Women's Executive
Leadership Program

1. The attached memorandum from OPM requests our participation in a government-wide "Women's Executive Leadership Program" recently approved by Constance Horner, Director, OPM. This is a leadership program for Federally employed women in grades GS-09-12 who have shown exceptional managerial potential for development towards supervisory, managerial and executive positions in the Federal workplace. There has been considerable interest in the program from Agency women who read about it in the Federal Times.

- 2. This program was originally launched as a pilot in August 1984 and successfully graduated 64 women in December 1985, one of whom was the CIA candidate. The Agency plans to participate in this program again in 1987. Although women have moved into the professional ranks in the Federal sector over the past several years and are technically competent in their fields of expertise, many have not yet been afforded sufficient visibility in assignments and provided training and education that will make them competitive for supervisory, managerial, and executive opportunities. The program provides a unique opportunity for those selected to gain a very broad overview of the management career field.
- 3. As outlined in the attached brochure, candidates for the program must be in grades GS-09 through GS-12 and must be available for detail to the program for approximately 12 months. Candidates must attend on a completely overt basis and reside in the Washington metropolitan area.

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### SUBJECT: Nominations for Women's Executive Leadership Program

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# Office of Personnel Management

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Subject: Women's Executive Leadership Program for FY '87

To: Federal Women's Interagency Board

We are happy to announce that OPM Director Constance Horner has approved the offering of another Women's Executive Leadership Program.

The enclosed brochure provides additional information on the program. Applications are due to OPM no later than November 14.

If you have additional questions regarding application procedures or administration of the program, please contact the following member of my staff:

Ms. Ellis D. Jones, Chief
Women's Executive Leadership Program
Executive Potential Program for
Mid-Level Employees
632-5109

We appreciate your past support and continued interest in this initiative.

Sincerely,

Lewis W. Taylor

Deputy Assistant Director Executive Programs Division

# Women's Executive Leadership Program

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Office of Training and Development Executive Programs Division Washington, D.C. 20415

# Women's Executive Leadership Program

### Introductory Statement

The Women's Executive Leadership Program is a 12-month (commencing on participants) orientation date) career enhancement program for individuals who need training and developmental experiences to prepare them for future opportunities as supervisors, managers and executives in the Federal government. The training/development program is:

- Adaptable to individual needs of participants:
- Open to career full-time permanent employees in grades G5 9-12 only;
- Designed to cover four of the six executive competencies needed by supervisors, managers and executives for successful job performance:
  - -Direction and guidance of programs, projects, policy development
  - -Resource acquisition and administration;
  - -Utilization of human resources:
  - -Review of implementation and results.

## Unique Program Features

- Program will address four of the six executive competencies
- · Participants will receive 25 days of formal classroom training
- Participants will receive a minimum of two 60-day and one 30-day rotational assignments to gain practical management experience and exposure:
- A one-week residential Public Managers Workshop to clarify the different roles of the three levels
  of management, to increase a manager's understanding of the implications of being a member of
  the "corporate" management team of the Federal government and to view management as a second profession:
- Development of a Career Action Plan at the end of the program for participants outlining future developmental needs:
- Shadowing of high-level agency officials:

# Program Objectives

The objectives for the Women's Executive Leadership Program are:

- To encourage Federal departments and agencies to prepare talented employees for managerial positions at an earlier stage of their careers;
- To provide training and developmental experiences that will parallel the managerial competencies and effectiveness characteristics needed by supervisors, managers and executives for successful job performance;
- To provide participants an opportunity to assess their potential and interest in Federal careers as supervisors, managers and executives, and to provide the kinds of job-relevant knowledges, skills and abilities that will enhance their success;
- To provide participants with a broad overview of careers in which their specialty exists;
- To provide participants an opportunity to observe supervisors, managers and executives as role models at work.

## Program Responsibility

The Office of Personnel Management will be responsible for:

- Program publicity;
- · Opening ceremony;
- General program design;
- · Coordination and monitoring of activities related to each phase of the program:
- Administration of assessment instruments to program participants for utilization in developing individualized programs:
- Approval of individual development plans, rotational assignments, training and other activities for each participant;
- Design and delivery of core training curriculum for program participants;
- Assessment of program and feedback.

# Program Responsibility

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- · Providing OPM with program participants
- Identifying assignments that are broad in scope and complexity to enable participants to accomplish objectives
- Identifying program coordinators who will assist OPM by providing counseling services to employees
  and monitoring the activities of participants at the agency level;
- Assisting participants in the identification of training and other opportunities at the agency level.

# Program Components

#### Opening Ceremony

OPM will sponsor an opening ceremony to officially kick off the program and establish a partnership between OPM and participating departments and agencies. Participants and high-level management officials from OPM as well as participating departments and agencies will attend.

#### Orientation

A four-day orientation will be held in the Washington. D.C., area to establish a working relationshihp with agency supervisors, coordinators and participants. During orientation, program policies, expectations and opportunities will be outlined for participants. Orientation will also focus upon the development of team-building skills and time and stress management.

#### Individual Needs Assessment

All partitipants will take OPM's Management Excellence Inventory (MEI) to assess their managerial competencies in preparation for design of their Individual Development Pian (IDP) based upon the results of the MEI. Participants will also take the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator (MBTI), which will be integrated with the MEI results for development of the IDP.

#### Individual Development Plan

Each participant will be required to design an IDP which will serve as the "blueprint" for their developmental program. OPM will provide an IDP format that will include provisions for defining and meeting specific career and developmental objectives. The OPM program staff will work closely with each participant in developing the IDP.

#### Core Training Curriculum

A core training curriculum will be designed by OPM based on the group results of the MEL All participants will be required to attend four core training modules (the one-week residential PMW and three weeks of management training).

#### Developmental Work Assignments

Each participant will be required to have a minimum of two 60-day and one 30-day assignments outside the current position of record. In addition, each participant will be required to have two shadowing assignments ione week each; of key agency officials. This type of assignment will provide participants with exposure and visibility at the highest levels of management in the agency. The assignments should be chosen to help prepare participants for the nature and scope of the positions they are likely to assume, give them a broad perspective and help develop their managerial skills based upon the MEI results. Coordination will be made with supervisors in the identification of assignments to meet participants' needs.

#### Cluster Group Participation

During orientation, participants will be assigned to cluster groups. The cluster groups are designed to encourage the strengthening of leadership and interpersonal skills, stimulate commitment to personal development, and to provide a forum to explore and address current issues facing managers in the Federal workforce. Participants will be required to attend cluster group presentations as scheduled.

### Readministration of MEI and Development of Career Action Plan

The MEI will be readministered (to participants only) at the end of the program to assess the growth of participants. A Career Action Plan will be developed by each participant, identifying areas that need further development.

### • Program Coordinator Participation

Each department and agency represented in the program will appoint an individual to coordinate their program responsibilities and to ensure that associated administrative tasks are carried out. The individual should be someone with responsibility for executive training within the agency. As part of their responsibility they will maintain a record of participant development activities and serve as liaison with OPM on program matters.

### Participant Qualifications

The program is limited to full-time permanent employees, both women and men, in grades GS-9,12 who have demonstrated through performance as having exceptional supervisory management potential. Agencies should make prospective nominees aware of their responsibilities to participate in all required program activities, to seek the best developmental assignments, and take maximum advantage of the opportunities amoraed them by this program.

## Nomination Procedures

For each nominee submit to OPM a current SF-171, a brief narrative evaluation of the nominee's current performance and duties, an assessment of their potential for supervisory or managerial assignments and an approved training form. Each agency should ensure that nominees are selected in a fair and equitable manner. Agencies may nominate as many participants as their training budgets can support.

### Cost

The cost is \$2,900 per person for the 12-month program. Payment will be made to the U.S. Office of Personnel Management through SF-182 (or other approved training forms).

Timetable	Activity	Dates
	Accept nominations from departments and agencies	November 14, 1986
	Approved training forms due to Executive Programs Division	November 14, 1986
	Send confirmation letters to participants and agencies	November 28, 1986
	Opening ceremony	December 8, 1986

# Program Entry Date and Orientation

Class II: December 9-12, 1986 Class III: January 26-29, 1987 Class III: February 23-26, 1987 Class IV: March 23-27, 1987

# Information and Assistance

OPM's Executive Programs Division manages the program and works closely with departmental and agency-level executive development program coordinators and participants to ensure integration of the program with their human resource development needs. For more information, please contact:

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